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## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 34

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to assign the topic of complete cultural competency training as a requirement for licensure in a health care profession to the appropriate study committee.

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February 13, 2014 , read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

March 5, 2014, reported favorably —Do Pass.

March 10, 2014, Amended, adopted voice vote.

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Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1       A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council  
2       to assign the topic of complete cultural competency training as  
3       a requirement for licensure in a health care profession to the  
4       appropriate study committee.

5       *Whereas, Individuals from different cultures have different*  
6       *health care needs;*

7       *Whereas, Cultural competency training for those seeking*  
8       *health care profession licensure, excluding veterinarians,*  
9       *would aid in better serving the needs of patients;*  
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11       *Whereas, More than 20 states have already passed*  
12       *legislation to improve cultural competency within the health*  
13       *care system;*

14       *Whereas, Cultural competency training includes awareness*  
15       *of cultural differences, the social and behavioral effects of these*  
16       *differences on patients and other persons, knowledge of various*  
17       *cultural groups with whom an individual is likely encounter,*  
18       *skills to modify behavior to improve patient understanding and*  
19       *compliance, and the ability to advocate for a patient in*  
20       *obtaining necessary support to achieve improvement in patient*

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1     *health;*

2             *Whereas, The Department of Health and Human Services*  
3     *has drafted cultural competency guidelines and practices to*  
4     *reduce the frequency of health disparities;*

5             *Whereas, Health disparities are a public health concern*  
6     *because they adversely affect neighborhoods, communities, and*  
7     *the broader society; and*

8             *Whereas, By providing a structure to implement culturally*  
9     *and linguistically appropriate services, standards will improve*  
10    *an organization's ability to address health care disparities:*  
11    *Therefore,*

12                     *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
13                    *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

14            SECTION 1. The Legislative Council is urged to assign the topic  
15    of complete cultural competency training as a requirement for  
16    licensure in a health care profession to the appropriate study  
17    committee.

